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To: Randy Smith  
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From: Ed McCaul   
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Subject: Semester Conversion Proposal for the Master of Landscape Architecture Degree

Attached is a letter from Ann Pendleton-Jullian, Director Knowlton School of Architecture, which discusses their Master of Landscape Architecture degree. This proposal has been reviewed by the College of Engineering and after some changes have been made to it the college is recommending that the Council on Academic Affairs approve it. If you have any questions concerning this proposal please let me know.

Date: 15 February 2011

From: Ann Pendleton-Jullian, Director  
Knowlton School of Architecture



To: Ed McCaul, Program Director  
Academic Affairs/Student Services  
College of Engineering

Subject: Landscape Architecture Semester Conversion Materials

The Landscape Architecture Section within the Knowlton School of Architecture is submitting the portion(s) of its semester conversion program templates that are checked below:

- BS in Landscape Architecture program template
- Master of Landscape Architecture program template
- Appendices that include:
  - o a proposal for a new undergraduate minor in Landscape Architecture
  - o a proposal for an undergraduate Honors program in Landscape Architecture

I endorse the contents of the enclosed program template(s). If you need further clarification or have any questions regarding the submitted materials, please do not hesitate to contact me and Landscape Architecture Section Head Jane Amidon. Note that the Knowlton School of Architecture does not have a uniform GE curriculum across its three Sections. Each Section develops a GE curriculum consistent with its particular undergraduate major program.

## Master of Landscape Architecture I & II

Primary Contact: Jane Amidon, Section Head (amidon.2, 2-0081)

### **I. GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

1. **Name of the Program:** Landscape Architecture
2. **Degree title:** Master of Landscape Architecture
3. **Academic unit(s) responsible for administrating the degree program:**  
Knowlton School of Architecture
4. **Type of Program**
  - a. Graduate degree program
5. **Semester Conversion Designation:**
  - b. Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements.

### **II. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

#### 6. **List program learning goals:**

The Landscape Architecture Program is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accrediting Board (LAAB | <http://www.asla.org/AccreditationLAAB.aspx>). As an accredited Landscape Architecture Program, core professional content is presented as focused, research-based education with a global and interdisciplinary context. A student will attain:

- a) Professional competency in the art and science of landscape architectural design, planning, implementation, stewardship, representation, history and theory..
- b) Adeptness in evaluation, visualization, conceptualization and manipulation of site media (plants, soils, water and more) to critically and creatively address global cultural and environmental considerations;
- c) A critical perspective that is ethically, ecologically and aesthetically grounded in responsible professional or academic practice;
- d) Research abilities to expand the disciplinary body of knowledge as well as contribute effectively to interdisciplinary, scholarly dialogs.

## 7. Proposed Program Requirements:

The Master of Landscape Architecture degree is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board of the American Society of Landscape Architects as a first-professional degree. For students entering with an undergraduate degree from outside the discipline (MLA I), the program typically takes a minimum of 3 years to complete. The MLA I consists of a total of 79 semester credit hours.

Students who are entering with an accredited undergraduate professional degree in landscape architecture (MLA II) typically complete the program in two years, having broadened their knowledge of landscape architecture and related disciplines while developing a specific expertise within the field. Typical of post-professional programs, the MLA II is not an accredited degree program, as students entering the program have already earned the professional degree required for licensure as a landscape architect. MLA II consists of a total of 48 semester credit hours.

**Required Internal Courses** (MLA I: 46 credit hours, MLA II: 15 credit hours)

### MLA I

*Students who are entering without an accredited undergraduate professional degree in landscape architecture must take the courses listed below.*

- LARCH 5367 Professional Practice, 3
- LARCH 6400 Grad LA Essentials Immersion, 2
- LARCH 6910 Grad LA Design Studio I: Design Process, 4
- LARCH 6410 Grad LA Workshop I: Design & Analysis, 3
- LARCH 6920 Grad LA Design Studio II: Urban Landscapes, 4
- LARCH 6420 Grad LA Workshop II: Design & Analysis, 3
- LARCH 6430 Grad LA Workshop III: Landscape Technologies, 3
- LARCH 6440 Grad LA Workshop IV: Landscape Technologies, 3
- LARCH 7950 Grad LA Design Studio V: Design in Detail, 6

### MLA I and MLA II

*All students are required to take the courses listed below.*

- LARCH 7930 Grad LA Design Studio III: Dynamic Sites & Systems, 6
- LARCH 7780 Graduate Research Methods, 3
- LARCH 7940 Grad LA Design Studio IV: Global Issues, 6

**Required External Course** (MLA I: 3 credit hours, MLA II: 0 credit hours)

*MLA I students are required to take the course below, to be combined with their core courses in fulfillment of accreditation requirements. This is not a requirement for MLA II students.*

- Equivalent to Horticulture and Crop Science 234/693: Landscape Plants, 3

**Landscape Architecture Elective Courses** (MLAI: 21 credit hours, MLAI: 12 credit hours)

Graduate Seminars

*MLA I students are required to take two offerings of the course below for a total of 6 credit hours. MLA II students are required to take one offering of the course below for a total of 3 credit hours. Students elect to take the course when the topic offered meets their interests.*

LARCH 7890 Graduate Seminar in Landscape Architecture, 3 (repeatable)

History and Theory

*MLA I students select two of the following three non-sequential courses for a total of 6 credit hours. This is not a requirement for MLA II students.*

LARCH 5610 History & Theory I, 3  
LARCH 5620 History & Theory II, 3  
LARCH 5630 History & Theory III, 3

Research Sequence

*All students select one of two sets of two courses for a total of 9 credit hours.*

*Set 1:* LARCH 8990 Thesis Production Seminar, 3  
LARCH 8960 Grad LA Design Studio VI: Thesis Project, 6  
*Set 2:* LARCH 8992 Graduate Research Production Seminar, 3  
LARCH 8999 Thesis in Landscape Architecture, 6

**Open Elective Courses** (MLA I: 9 credit hours, MLA II: 21 credit hours)

*MLA I students are required to take 9 credit hours of external or internal graduate-level elective coursework. MLA II students are required to take 21 credit hours of external or internal graduate-level elective coursework. External electives can be any graduate-level course offered across the university, approved by any advisor. Examples of internal electives include:*

LARCH 5960 Design Competition (cross listed with CRP/ARCH 5960), 3  
LARCH 5798 Study Tour in Landscape Architecture, 6  
LARCH 7189 Graduate LA Ecological Field Explorations, 2  
LARCH 7191 LA Graduate Internship, 8  
LARCH 7193 Graduate Independent Studies in LA, 1-4  
LARCH 7194 Graduate Group Studies in LA, 1-4  
LARCH 7370 Graduate Landscape Design Studies, 1-4  
LARCH 7410 Graduate Landscape Technologies, 1-3  
LARCH 7453 Graduate Visual Media Exploration, 1-3  
LARCH 7500 Grad Landscape Materials Exploration, 1-3  
LARCH 7600 Grad Landscape Topics in Research & Theory, 1-3  
LARCH 7700 Graduate Landscape Professional Topics, 1-3  
LARCH 7797 Institutional Graduate Study Abroad, 6  
LARCH 7798 International Graduate Study Abroad in Landscape Architecture, 6

8. **Provide a curriculum map that shows how, and at what level (e.g., beginning, intermediate, advanced), the program's courses facilitate students' attainment of program learning goals. I=Introduce, E=Enhance, A=Apply.**

The learning goals listed under II. Program Requirements (p.1) summarize the BSLA's overarching program goals. The following curriculum map breaks down those general program goals (a, b, c, d) into discrete learning topics.

Required Courses - offered by the responsible unit	Program Goals										
	a)			b)				c)			d)
	Representation/ Visualization	Design/ Planning	History & Theory	Technical skills	Evaluation/ Critical Inquiry	Ecology/ Environment	Sustainability	Aesthetics	Professional Ethics	Culture	Research
5367 Professional Practice			A	E	A	A		A	A	E	
5610 History & Theory I			E						A		
5620 History & Theory II			E								
5630 History & Theory III			E								
6400 Grad LA Essentials Immersion	I	I	I	I	I				I	I	I
6410 Grad LA Workshop I: Design & Analysis					E	E					
6420 Grad LA Workshop II: Design & Analysis	E	E	I/E	E	E	E		E	E		
6430 Grad LA Workshop III: Landscape Technologies		A		E	E	E		A	E		
6440 Grad LA Workshop IV: Landscape Technologies	I	A	I		E			A		I	I
6910 Grad LA Design Studio I: Design Process	I	I/E		I	I/E	I		I			
6920 Grad LA Design Studio II: Urban Landscapes	E	I/E	I		I/E	I		I/E	I	I/E	I
7780 Graduate Research Methods		E	A	E	A	E		A	E	E	
7890 Graduate Seminar in Landscape Architecture		E/A	E/A		E/A					E/A	
7930 Grad LA Design Studio III: Dynamic Sites & Systems		A		E	E	E		A	A		
7940 Grad LA Design Studio IV: Global Issues	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A

Required Courses - offered by the responsible unit (continued)	Program Goals										
	a)			b)				c)			d)
	Representation/ Visualization	Design/ Planning	History & Theory	Technical skills	Evaluation/ Critical Inquiry	Ecology/ Environment	Sustainability	Aesthetics	Professional Ethics	Culture	Research
7950 Grad LA Design Studio V: Design in Detail	A	A		A	A			A	A	A	
8960 Grad LA Design Studio VI: Thesis Project				A	A			A	A		
8990 Thesis Production Seminar	A		A	A	A				A		A
8992 Graduate Research Production Seminar	A		A	A	A	A			A		A
8999 Thesis in Landscape Architecture				A	A			A	A		

Required Courses - offered outside of the responsible unit	Program Goals										
	a)			a)				a)			a)
	Representation/ Visualization	Design/ Planning	History & Theory	Technical skills	Evaluation/ Critical Inquiry	Ecology/ Environment	Sustainability	Aesthetics	Professional Ethics	Culture	Research
Equiv. to HSC234/693: Landscape Plants				E/A		I/E	I/E				E/A

**9. Rationale for proposed program changes:**

The Master of Landscape Architecture program curriculum was originally adopted in February 2008 after several years of study. It was rolled out Autumn 2009 and will be fully operational by Autumn 2011. During this period the University made the commitment to move to the semester schedule. In response, the curriculum was redeveloped as a semester-based program then reverse engineered as a quarter-based program during the interim between quarters and semesters.

In the prior curriculum, technical content was equally balanced with design. In reaction to accreditation recommendations, the new curriculum includes greater design and graduate research emphasis, while delivering professional skills and technologies within integrated workshops that happen earlier in the curriculum. The currently proposed curriculum seeks to retain a strong technical core, while enhancing design, design theory, history, critical evaluation and inquiry in the field. Faculty and students have embraced this direction as well as our professional and alumni community. The program was reviewed by the Landscape Architectural Accrediting Board (LAAB) in spring 2010 and received the maximum re-accreditation period of six years.

See Appendix B-1 for quarters-based MLA Advising Sheets

See Appendix B-2 for pre-AU 2009 MLA Curriculum vs. post-AU 2009 MLA Curriculum



**10. Council on Academic Affairs reviewers' aid and credit hour expansion check:**

**MLA I:** *Three year program for students who are entering without an accredited undergraduate professional degree in landscape architecture:*

Program credit hour requirements:		A.) Number of credit hours in current program	B.) Calculated result for $\frac{2}{3}$ of current quarter credit hours	C.) Number of credit hours required for new program
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		119	79.3	79
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Min	103	68.7	67
	Max	119	79.3	76
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Min	5	3.3	3
	Max	15	10	12
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Min	0	0	0
	Max	0	0	0

**MLA II:** *Two year program for students who are entering with an accredited undergraduate professional degree in landscape architecture:*

Program credit hour requirements:		A.) Number of credit hours in current program	B.) Calculated result for $\frac{2}{3}$ of current quarter credit hours	C.) Number of credit hours required for new program
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		71	47.3	48
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Min	36	24	27
	Max	71	47.3	48
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Min	0	0	0
	Max	35	23.3	21
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Min	0	0	0
	Max	0	0	0

**11. Credit hour expansion rationale:**

No rationale necessary.

### **III. ASSESSMENT CONVERSION**

12. Describe how the program's current quarter-based assessment practices will be modified to fit the semester calendar. If a degree program does not have a plan on file with the Office of Academic Affairs, provide a list of the following:

- a. The means the program uses / will use to evaluate how well students are attaining program goals.

#### **Standardized tests**

The pass rate on the Landscape Architecture Registration/Licensing I Exam (LARE) would be an indication of how well the program is achieving its goals of instruction in design and the foundation content in the discipline, except for three things:

- A difficulty with the exam as “measure” is that it is not taken until graduates have worked for two (2) years under the supervision of a registered/licensed landscape architect, blurring any direct correlation with the Academic program.
- Data are privately held by LAAB and CLARB, making anecdotal reporting the only means of securing a sense of alumni performance on the exam, such as how many times a candidate sat for the exam before successful performance and licensure.
- Self-reporting on Alumni Surveys is strongest data set available, but is skewed by variable response rates and the self-sorting of those who choose to respond/or not.

#### **Classroom assignments**

- Embedded testing (i.e., specific questions in homework or exams that allow faculty to assess students' attainment of a specific learning goal or outcome, often used to compare student performance from year to year)
- Writing assignments
- Oral presentations
- Studio projects
- Critical evaluation assignments

#### **Surveys and Interviews**

- Alumni survey
- Co-op sponsor survey
- Guest Critic comments and feedback (formal and informal)
- Student evaluation of instruction
- Student exit survey

#### **External evidences**

- Job placement data
- Awards achieved by students and alumni
- External program review by the Landscape Architectural Accrediting Board
- Periodic review and discussion with professional advisory board as to program direction and development.
- The Production and Publication of materials directly emerging from student thesis and studio work.

- b. How the program uses / will use the evaluation data listed above to periodically make evidence-based improvements to the program.
- An annual report is submitted to the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB).
  - A full Self Evaluation Report (SER) is submitted a minimum of every six years to LAAB, followed by an onsite program review by LAAB.
  - Based on information in resulting LAAB report, adjustments will be made to course content and delivery and, as appropriate, courses will be added or subtracted.
  - Regular review the program's performance against the top programs in the field will occur.
  - As part of OAA's Academic Program Reviews, the section will take the opportunity to evaluate and improve the curriculum, program and educational delivery.
  - Representative(s) of student body will be included in evaluation of the program.
  - A discussion with the unit's faculty will occur.
  - A discussion with the unit's auxiliary faculty will occur.
  - Surveys of alumni and exit surveys of graduates will occur on an annual basis.

#### **IV. TRANSITION POLICY**

13. **Include a policy statement from the chair of the department / unit that assures those students who began their degree under quarters that the transition to semesters will not delay their graduation or disrupt progress toward a degree:**

No students will be harmed in the transition to semesters. Students who begin the Master of Landscape Architecture program under quarters will be able to proceed toward their degree under semesters without delay or disruption. Advisors will meet with all students to develop an individualized transition plan at least one year in advance of the semester conversion. Currently there are seven full time faculty advisors and one full-time staff in Graduate Coordination serving approximately 40 graduate students.

One group of students has been identified as not fitting the general transition plan. These are students who for family, financial, military or other reasons have missed a portion of the quarters-based course sequence and want to rejoin the program under semesters. These students will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis via Independent Studies. At this time we estimate up to five students may be in this category.

**Appendix A Quarter and Semester Curriculum Sheets**

**Master of Landscape Architecture - Current (quarters-based) Curriculum Advising Sheet**

<b>MLA I: year 1</b>  SITE MATTERS	Fall	LARCH 603 History & Theory I	5	13
		LARCH 640 Graduate Foundation Studio I	5	
		LARCH 670 Graduate Analysis & Communication Workshop I	3	
	Winter	LARCH 642 Graduate Foundation Studio II	5	15
		LARCH 672 Graduate Analysis & Communication Workshop II	3	
		LARCH 760 Evaluation and Criticism in Landscape Architecture	2	
		Elective	5	
	Spring	LARCH 644 Graduate Foundation Studio III	5	14
		LARCH 702 Graduate Analysis & Communication Workshop III	4	
		HCS 234/693 Landscape Plants	5	

<b>MLA I: year 2</b> <b>MLA II: year 1</b>  SYNTHESIS	Fall	LARCH 620 Landscape Technologies I	5	15
		LARCH 750 Advanced Graduate Studio I	5	
		LARCH 760 Evaluation and Criticism in LA	2	
		Elective	3	
	Winter	LARCH 622 Landscape Technologies II	5	15
		LARCH 633 Advanced Graduate Studio II	5	
		LARCH 663 Professional Practice Seminar	5	
	Spring	LARCH 626 Landscape Technologies III	3	16
		LARCH 740 Research and Documentation in LA	5	
		LARCH 750/754 Advanced Graduate Studio – Travel/Vertical	5	
		Elective	3	

<b>MLA I: year 3</b> <b>MLA II: year 2</b>  LAUNCH	Fall	LARCH 750/658 Advanced Graduate Studio III	5	12
		LARCH 760 Evaluation and Criticism in LA	2	
		Elective	5	
		Masters Thesis Proposal	n/a	
	Winter	LARCH 760/801 Thesis Pro-Seminar	2	10
		LARCH 624/625 Construction and Materials	3	
		LARCH 998 Thesis in Landscape Architecture 2	1-15*	
	Spring	LARCH 998 Thesis in Landscape Architecture 2	1-15*	10*
		LARCH 750/754 Advanced Graduate Studio – Travel/Vertical	5	
		Elective	3	
		LARCH 760/802 Thesis Production Seminar	2	

\*This course may be repeated up to 99 credit hours. Only 5 credit hours count toward graduation.

TOTAL: 119

**Master of Landscape Architecture – Semester-based Curriculum Advising Sheet**

<b>MLA I: year 1</b>  SITE MATTERS	Fall	LARCH 6400 Grad LA Essentials Immersion	2	15
		LARCH 6910 Grad LA Design Studio I: Design Process	4	
		LARCH History & Theory selection (I, II, or III)	3	
		LARCH 6410 Grad LA Workshop I: Design & Analysis	3	
		Open Elective	3	
	Spring	LARCH 6920 Grad LA Design Studio II: Urban Landscapes	4	13
		LARCH 6420 Grad LA Workshop II: Design & Analysis	3	
		LARCH 7890 Graduate Seminar in Landscape Architecture	3	
		Equivalent to HCS 234/693 Landscape Plants	3	

<i>MLA I: year 2</i> <i>MLA II: year 1</i>  SYNTHESIS	Fall	LARCH 7930 Grad LA Design Studio III: Dynamic Sites & Systems	6	15 or 12
		LARCH 6430 Grad LA Workshop III: Landscape Technologies <u>OR</u> Open Elective	3	
		LARCH 7780 Graduate Research Methods	3	
		LARCH 5367 Professional Practice <u>OR</u> No course	3 or 0	
	Spring	LARCH 7940 Grad LA Design Studio IV: Global Issues	6	12
		LARCH 6440 Grad LA Workshop IV: Landscape Technologies <u>OR</u> Open Elective	3	
LARCH History & Theory (I, II or III) <u>OR</u> Open Elective		3		

<i>MLA I: year 3</i> <i>MLA II: year 2</i>  LAUNCH	Fall	LARCH 7950 Grad LA Design Studio V: Design in Detail <u>OR</u> 2 Open Electives	6	12
		Open Elective	3	
		LARCH 7890 Graduate Seminar in Landscape Architecture	3	
	Spring	LARCH 8990 Thesis Production Seminar <u>OR</u> LARCH 8992 Graduate Research Production Seminar	3	12
		LARCH 8960 Grad LA Design Studio VI: Thesis Project <u>OR</u> LARCH 8999 Thesis in Landscape Architecture	6	
		Open Elective	3	

TOTAL: 79

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name.# \_\_\_\_\_

**MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISING SHEET**

**Track I: First Professional Degree Thesis Track**

Requirements for Graduation:

Core Landscape Architecture courses	77 credit hours
› LARCH electives	26 credit hours
› Other graduate electives*	15 credit hours

**TOTAL 118 credit hours**

\*May be taken from any OSU department including Landscape Architecture

	Autumn	Winter	Spring
1 <sup>st</sup> year	LARCH 603 5 LARCH 640 5 LARCH 670 3	LARCH 642 5 LARCH 672 3	LARCH 702 4 LARCH 644 5 HORT 234/693 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	LARCH 620 5 *LARCH 662 5	LARCH 626 3 LARCH 633 5	LARCH 622 5 LARCH 740 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Thesis Proposal	LARCH 624/625 3 LARCH 998* * 5	LARCH 663 5 LARCH 998* 5

LARCH elective options:

4 courses of LARCH 75X 5 credits each

3 courses of LARCH 76X 2 credits each

\*Recommended not required

\*\* LARCH 998 is repeatable up to 99 credit hours; however, only 5 credit hours count towards graduation

- Core curriculum is shown during the quarter offered; electives can be taken at any time.
- Blank lines are electives- consult with your advisor regarding which electives to take.
- Other graduate electives can be taken from any other dept at the 500 level or above, or within the LARCH program at 600 level or above.
- Course waivers and substitutions must be documented in your academic file. Be sure to pass a copy of the waiver to the Graduate Programs Coordinator for your records.

**Note: LARCH 361/694 ( old name) - Now Larch 702**

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name.# \_\_\_\_\_

**MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISING SHEET**

**Track II: Second Professional Degree Thesis for Non BSLA Students**

Requirements for Graduation:

Core Landscape Architecture Courses	64 credit hours
LARCH electives	21 credit hours
Other graduate electives*	25 credit hours
Thesis	5 credit hours

**TOTAL 115 credit hours**

\*May be taken from any OSU department including Landscape Architecture

	Autumn			Winter			Spring		
First Year	LARCH 603	5	_____	LARCH 626	3	_____	HORT 231/693	5	_____
	LARCH 620	5	_____	_____	_____	_____	LARCH 622	5	_____
	LARCH 640	5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Second Year	LARCH 662	5	_____	LARCH 633	5	_____	Thesis Proposal	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	LARCH 740	5	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Third Year	LARCH 998	5*	_____	LARCH 624/625	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	LARCH 998	5*	_____	_____	_____	_____

LARCH elective options:

- 3 courses of LARCH 75X 5 credits each
- 3 courses of LARCH 76X 2 credits each

Recommended courses:

- LARCH 663 5 credits
- LARCH 361/694 5 credits

\*LARCH 998 is repeatable up to 99 credit hours; however, only 5 credit hours count toward graduation

- Core curriculum is shown during the quarter offered; electives can be taken at any time.
- Blank lines are electives- consult with your advisor regarding which electives to take.
- Other graduate electives can be taken from any other dept at the 500 level or above, or within the LARCH program at 600 level or above.
- Course waivers and substitutions must be documented in your academic file. Be sure to pass a copy of the waiver to the Graduate Programs Coordinator for your records.
- It is strongly recommended that you elect to take two 750 studios and at least one 760 seminar in your first year.
- It is strongly recommended that you take the graphics sequence your first year if you do not have equivalent courses or training from your UG degree. Graphics include LARCH 361/694, 670, 672.



Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name.# \_\_\_\_\_

**MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISING SHEET**

**Track II: Second Professional Degree for BSLA Students**

Requirements for Graduation:

Core Landscape Architecture Courses	10 credit hours
LARCH electives	21 credit hours
KSA & Other graduate electives*	35 credit hours
Thesis	5 credit hours

**TOTAL** **71 credit hours**

\*May be taken from any OSU department including Landscape Architecture

	Autumn		Winter		Spring	
First Year	_____	_____	_____	_____	LARCH 740 5	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Second Year	Thesis proposal	_____	LARCH 998* 5	_____	LARCH 998* 5	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	Thesis Presentation	_____

LARCH elective options:  
 3 courses of LARCH 75X 5 credits each  
 3 courses of LARCH 76X 2 credits each

Recommended courses:  
 LARCH 662\* 5 credits  
 LARCH 663 5 credits  
 \*LARCH 662 is strongly recommended

\*LARCH 998 is repeatable up to 99 credit hours; however, only 5 credit hours count toward graduation

- Core curriculum is shown during the quarter offered; electives can be taken at any time.
- Blank lines are electives- consult with your advisor regarding which electives to take.
- Other graduate electives can be taken from any other dept at the 500 level or above, or within the LARCH program at 600 level or above.
- Course waivers and substitutions must be documented in your academic file. Be sure to pass a copy of the waiver to the Graduate Programs Coordinator for your records.

**APPENDIX B-2: PRE-2009 MLA CURRICULUM vs. POST-2009 MLA CURRICULUM**

In 2009 after a period of discussion with faculty, students, alumni, professionals and colleagues in allied professions, the MLA program updated its curriculum by introducing new course content. With the impending shift to semesters no major structural changes were made; the update focused on phasing out outmoded material (the last curriculum revision was in the mid-1990s) and phasing in content appropriate to today's practice and theory of landscape architecture. The process was akin to how faculty annually update course materials, however in contrast updates were discussed and coordinated across the whole curriculum to maintain coherency and integrity of learning outcomes. The majority of updates occurred in the MLA I program (see table below); the MLA II program was relatively unchanged because it consists of elective advanced courses plus the thesis requirement - when MLA II students begin our curriculum they already hold an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture which presumably covers similar content as our updated curriculum.

The priorities of the MLA curriculum update were:

- a) To increase content areas in landscape ecology and sustainability
- b) To increase opportunities for graduate scholarship
- c) To introduce more digital rendering and 3-D modeling content but without sacrificing conventional graphic techniques

		Pre-2009 MLA I Curriculum	Post-2009 MLA I Curriculum through SP 2012 <i>*New content areas indicated in italics</i>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>AU</b>	603: History of the Profession 640: Graduate LArch Studio I 670: Graduate Design Communication I	603: History of the Profession 640: Graduate LArch Studio I <i>design and site ecologies</i> 670: Graduate Design Communication I
	<b>WI</b>	642: Graduate LArch Studio II 672: Graduate Design Communication II	642: Graduate LArch Studio II <i>design and landscape ecology</i> 672: Graduate Design Communication II
	<b>SP</b>	644: Graduate LArch Studio III 702: Graduate Design Communication III Hort 235/694: Landscape Plants	644: Graduate LArch Studio III <i>design and best management practices</i> 702: Graduate Design Communication III Hort 235/694: Landscape Plants

Pre-2009 MLA I Curriculum, continued

Post-2009 MLA I Curriculum through SP 2012, continued  
*\*New content areas indicated in italics*

YEAR 2	AU	620: Grad Landscape Construction I - Earthworks 750: Advanced Graduate LArch Studio 760: Graduate Seminar	620: Graduate Landscape Construction I - <i>Earthworks and Layouts</i> 750: Advanced Graduate LArch Studio 760: Graduate Seminar
	WI	622: Grad Landscape Construction II - Layouts 633: Graduate Planting Design 752: Advanced Graduate LArch Studio -land planning	622: Graduate Landscape Construction II - <i>Earthworks and Stormwater</i> 633: Graduate Planting Design <i>and site remediation</i> 752: Advanced Graduate LArch Studio - <i>sustainable</i> land planning
	SP	626: Grad Landscape Construction III - Water 754: Advanced Graduate LArch Studio - urban design 740: Research Methods	626: Graduate Landscape Construction III - <i>Sustainable Site Construction</i> 754: Advanced Graduate LArch Studio - urban <i>and community</i> design 740: Research Methods
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